Editorial

On behalf of the Institute for the African Child I would like to extend a sincere apology for the remarkable delay in getting this third issue of *Childhood in Africa* on-line. I am particularly anguished about the contributors to the journal who have waited most patiently for us to edit and upload your articles. I have, of course, many fine excuses as to why this issue has taken so long, but then I consider what is available to scholars of African children for publication outlets, and I see some correlation.

I have, in fact, recently reviewed the state of research on African children (Oxford Bibliographies in African Studies- Children and Childhood, 2013). The journals are few and difficult to locate, and about half of them are South African. Some are produced at African universities, and all are subject to the vagaries of funding a field that lacks powerful constituents. If nothing else, understanding this fact gives us enormous incentive to continue this work. We are committed to providing this space for scholars to report on the changing circumstances of children across Africa.

One of the major goals in establishing *Childhood in Africa* at Ohio University was to provide an access gateway for African scholars in the many fields that touch children’s lives to get published and promote their careers as advocates for African children. We encourage you to contact us with your ideas about how we can sustain this journal and bring it to the attention of those who work to make the lives of Africa’s children better.

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